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## House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 2, 2000, at 12:30 p.m.

## Senate

TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2000

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, in a few moments we will pledge allegiance to our flag with words that may have become faithlessly familiar with repetition. As we affirm that we are one nation under You, dear God, shake us awake with the momentous conviction that You alone reign supreme and sovereign in this Nation and very powerfully and personally in this Chamber. Give us a renewed sense of Your holy presence and fill us with awe and wonder. This is Your Senate and the Senators are here by Your divine appointment and are accountable to You for every word spoken and every piece of legislation passed. Help them and all of us who work with them to live this day on the knees of our hearts, with renewed reverence for Your presence and profound gratitude for the grace and goodness of Your providential care for our beloved Nation. May all that we say and do this day be done by Your grace and for Your glory. For You are the Lord, the Creator, and our Saviour. Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable GEORGE VOINOVICH, a Senator from the State of Ohio, led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Repub-

lic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. VOINOVICH). The Senator from Arizona.

### SCHEDULE

Mr. KYL. Mr. President, today the Senate will begin debate on the motion to proceed to S.J. Res. 3, proposing an amendment to the Constitution to protect the rights of crime victims, until 12:30 p.m. Following that debate, the Senate will stand in recess until the hour of 2:15 p.m. in order for the weekly party caucuses to meet. At 2:15, the Senate will proceed to a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to S.J. Res. 3. If cloture is not invoked on the motion, then a second vote will occur on cloture on the substitute amendment to the marriage tax penalty bill.

I thank my colleagues for their attention.

### ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Mr. KYL. Before we begin, I will also ask unanimous consent that Senator SPECTER address the Senate for 10 minutes on an unrelated matter.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I hope in the process of the debate this week we get some information from the majority as to when we are going to be tak-

ing up the conference report on juvenile justice, when we will be taking up the conference report on the Patients' Bill of Rights, when we are going to start doing some substantive things on education. The session is winding down. We have 13 appropriations bills with which we must deal in the process. I think it would be a real shame if we finished the year without having worked on some of these issues the American public want most, including doing something about prescription drugs for senior citizens and the rest of the American public.

Mr. KYL addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Pennsylvania has 10 minutes.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, there was a unanimous-consent request in that regard that has not been approved yet.

Mr. KYL. I wanted to note that I am sure the majority leader will be happy to respond to all of the elements the distinguished minority whip has raised when he is able to reach the floor.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I have no objection to the Senator from Pennsylvania speaking for 10 minutes as long as the minority also has 10 minutes to speak in morning business.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection? Without objection, it is so ordered.

### RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, leadership time is reserved.

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